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Dear Bob:

I shouldhave attended to this before but time slips by. Frank Fenner (Prof. Microbiology, Australian National Univ., Canberra) is touring the US next month, and I've urged him to plan a stopover at Madison, whether or not I could greet him myself. My last word from him was that he could arrive en route from Chicago on Tuesday Nov 19, andleave warly on Thursday. He has an interesting story to tell on myxomatosis, and the evolutionary changes both in the rabbits and the virus, as you know.

Could I ask you to take charge of him during his visit, and to confirm arrangements with him? He will be with Dubos at Rockefeller Institute until Oct. 30. It might be wise for you to call him up there (REgent 4-8000) as time is short. I had the thought he might give a lecture on Wednesday Nov 20; if some honorarium could be arranged for him, so much the better. (You can charge say up to $50 to my own NIH funds if nothing apter avails.) I know that Hanson in Vet Sci & Walker in Med Microb. will be among the many others who'd like to meet him & it would be a good idea to check with them too in re sponsorship. In addition, I think Fenner would like to meet Newt' and Jim and Dean Bowers, particularly as he is rather intrigued with the idea of setting up a Medical Genetics program at Canberra.

I'm just sorry not to be on hand myself to make these arrangements and to see him again. It is possible, but not eminently probable that I'll be home barely in time for his talk; in any case, I'll send you a definite itinerary for our return as soon as possible.

It is fairly definite that we leave Melbourne on Oct. 31 for Adelaide and Perth. We will leave Perth (c/o Prof. N.F.Stanley, Dept. Microbiology, Univ. Western Australia) Nov 6. Would you pass this on to Bette so she can forward mail accordingly. It seems safe to allow a full week for delivery.

Yours,

Joshua Lederberg

P.S. I've been having a rather interesting time in starting a problem in 'genetics of somatic cells': to wit, can a single lymphocyte or plasmacyte produce just one or several species of antibody (if taken from a multiply-sensitized animal). It looks as if the immobilization of Salmonella serotypes will be sensitive enough to tell, and I've been working with Burnet and Gus Nossal (a postdoc. here) on setting up the single cell isolations, which are going quite smoothly. There'll be just time for one run with immunized rabbits.